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SUBJECT: CHANGES IN FOREIGN MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAM

1. SUMMARY: COSTS OF MOST TRAINING COURSES FOR FOREIGN-  
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ERS UNDER GRANT AID OR FMS SALES HAVE GONE UP SHARPLY,  
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1976. FUTURE PROSPECTS ARE FOR  
FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN GRANT TRAINING FUNDING AVAILABILITY.  
POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO ESTIMATE FOREIGN MILITARY  
TRAINING PRIORITIES FROM US AND HOST GOVERNMENT VIEWPOINT  
AND IMPACT ON BILATERAL RELATIONS.

2. FOLLOWING CLARIFICATION BY RESPONSIBLE CONGRESSIONAL

COMMITTEES THAT ANY 'HIDDEN SUBSIDIES' IN FOREIGN MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAM (FMTP) MUST BE FULLY REIMBURSED FROM SECURITY ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATIONS OR FOREIGN MILITARY SALES (FMS) RECEIPTS, DOD IS RECOMPUTING COSTS OF ALL TRAINING PROVIDED TO FOREIGN MILITARY PERSONNEL. NEW COSTS HAVE NOT YET BEEN CALCULATED AND FINAL RESULTS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. HOWEVER, WE ARE INFORMED THAT COSTS IN SOME CASES MAY INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY; INITIAL STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO SEEK LEGISLATIVE RELIEF BUT OUTCOME IS UNCERTAIN. ALL TRAINING FOR WHICH INVITATIONAL TRAVEL ORDERS (ITO'S) ARE ISSUED AFTER 1 JANUARY 1976 WILL BE BASED ON PRICES DETERMINED BY THE

NEW PRICING POLICY.

3. WHILE BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILLS FOR FY 76 WOULD TERMINATE MAP AT END OF FY 77, BILLS ALSO CONTAIN ADMINISTRATION PROPOSAL TO CONTINUE GRANT FOREIGN MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAM UNDER NEW INTERNATIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING APPROPRIATION. TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE WILL NOT BE INCREASED TO REFLECT NEW PRICING POLICY, SO FOR PLANNING PURPOSES WE ARE ASSUMING THAT THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS/COURSES WHICH CAN BE ACCOMMODATED UNDER FMTP WILL BE REDUCED.

4. CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES HAVE ALSO BEEN EVALUATING FMTP PROPOSALS IN TERMS OF HOST COUNTRY ABILITY TO PAY AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, RESULTING IN LEGISLATIVE HISTORY DENYING GRANT TRAINING TO SAUDI ARABIA, VENEZUELA, AND BRAZIL TO DATE. TO PREVENT WIDER APPLICATION OF THIS MEANS TEST, WE ARE CONSIDERING WHETHER WE SHOULD APPLY CLEARER CRITERIA OF US SECURITY INTEREST TO ALL OFFERINGS OF GRANT TRAINING FOR FOREIGN MILITARY PERSONNEL.  
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5. WITH THESE CONSIDERATIONS IN MIND, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE VIEWS OF COUNTRY TEAM ON IMPACT OF INCREASED COSTS OF FUTURE FMTP, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING AREAS OF CONCERN:

A. IMMEDIATE EFFECT ON BILATERAL RELATIONS WHEN NEW COSTS BECOME KNOWN.

B. WHICH TYPES OF TRAINING OR SPECIFIC COURSES ARE OF GREATEST INTEREST TO HOST GOVERNMENT/MILITARY? IS HOST GOVERNMENT NOW PAYING FOR SUCH TRAINING, OR ARE THEY LIKELY TO PAY IN FUTURE AT NEW PRICES? IF NOT, HOW WILL THEY MEET THIS TRAINING REQUIREMENT?

C. WHICH TYPES OF TRAINING OR SPECIFIC COURSES ARE OF GREATEST BENEFIT TO US NATIONAL INTEREST IN TERMS OF BILATERAL RELATIONS OR OTHER FACTORS? ARE THESE NOW BEING PROVIDED UNDER GRANT ASSISTANCE? IF COSTS DOUBLE, CAN ESSENTIAL GRANT PROGRAM BE CONTINUED UNDER PRESENT PROGRAM FUNDING LEVEL?

D. WHAT TYPES OF TRAINING NOW OBTAINED FROM US, UNDER EITHER GRANT OR FMS CASH PURCHASES, WILL BE ABANDONED BY HOST MILITARY BECAUSE OF INCREASED COSTS?

E. WILL HOST COUNTRIES LOOK ELSEWHERE FOR EQUIVALENT TRAINING? IF SO, WHERE? WHAT IMPACT WOULD THIS HAVE ON MILITARY COMPETENCE, ON INTEREST IN US MILITARY MATERIEL AND DOCTRINE, AND ON BILATERAL RELATIONS?

F. FOR POSTS IN GRANT TRAINING-RECIPIENT COUNTRIES: WHAT WOULD BE THE IMPACT IF GRANT TRAINING FOR YOUR COUNTRY WERE ELIMINATED? KISSINGER

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